I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED TO FIND YOU IN THIS LITTLE GAME.
Ban's Proposition
Stage 216.
WHAT ACCURSED LUCK, RUNNING INTO HIM AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

JUDGING BY YOUR EXPRESSION, IT SEEMS I CAUGHT YOU AT A BAD TIME.
IT SEEMS YOU RAN INTO A PRETTY TOUGH OPPONENT WITHIN THE CENTRAL HALL.
LOOK, I'M NOT EXACTLY HAPPY MYSELF, TO RUN INTO YOU WHILE YOU'RE INJURED, Y'KNOW.
THIS SCENARIO WASN'T *COMPLETELY* UNEXPECTED, HOWEVER, I ADMIT THIS IS THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.
WHAT'S THE BEST, THEN?

I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT YOU'RE EXPECTING TO GAIN BY ENTERING ME WITHIN THIS GAME...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ON A WHIM, BUT I *KNOW* YOU'RE NOT ONE TO ACT WITHOUT A GOOD REASON.
WELL, WHAT DO *YOU* THINK I'M PLANNING? IF IT'S YOU, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT.
MY THOUGHT PROCESS SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.
DON'T TRY TO TALK YOUR WAY OUT. THAT MAY HAVE BEEN SO WHEN I HAD BEEN JUST CREATED, BUT ONCE I HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER A DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT AND RECIEVED NEW EXPERIENCES, WE BECAME COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BEINGS.
I CAN GUESS YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW VERY WELL THAT I CANNOT DO THE SAME FOR OTHERS.
*WAS IT FOOLISH OF ME TO THINK I COULD CONTROL HIM?*

QUITE TRUE... WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
EVEN IF I TRY TO QUESTION WHAT YOU'RE SCHEMING, I KNOW YOU WON'T TELL ME.
AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT FROM REVIVING ME.

THERE'S NOBODY OF MY LEVEL WITHIN THIS GAME. EVEN IF YOU HAD WANTED ME TO TAKE DOWN OTHER STRONG COMPETITORS...
THERE ARE OTHERS THAT CAN DO THAT FOR YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT MY EXISTENCE IS A BANE TO YOU. IF YOU'RE STILL EXPECTING SOMETHING OF ME, THEN IT'S NOTHING TO OVERLOOK.

THERE'S NO NEED TO THINK THAT DEEPLY ABOUT IT.

I JUST NEEDED AN UNEXPECTED VARIABLE. ISN'T IT BORING IF EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED?
AFTER THE LAST EVENT, I'VE COME TO ENJOY UNEXPECTED SURPRISES. I HAVE NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE.
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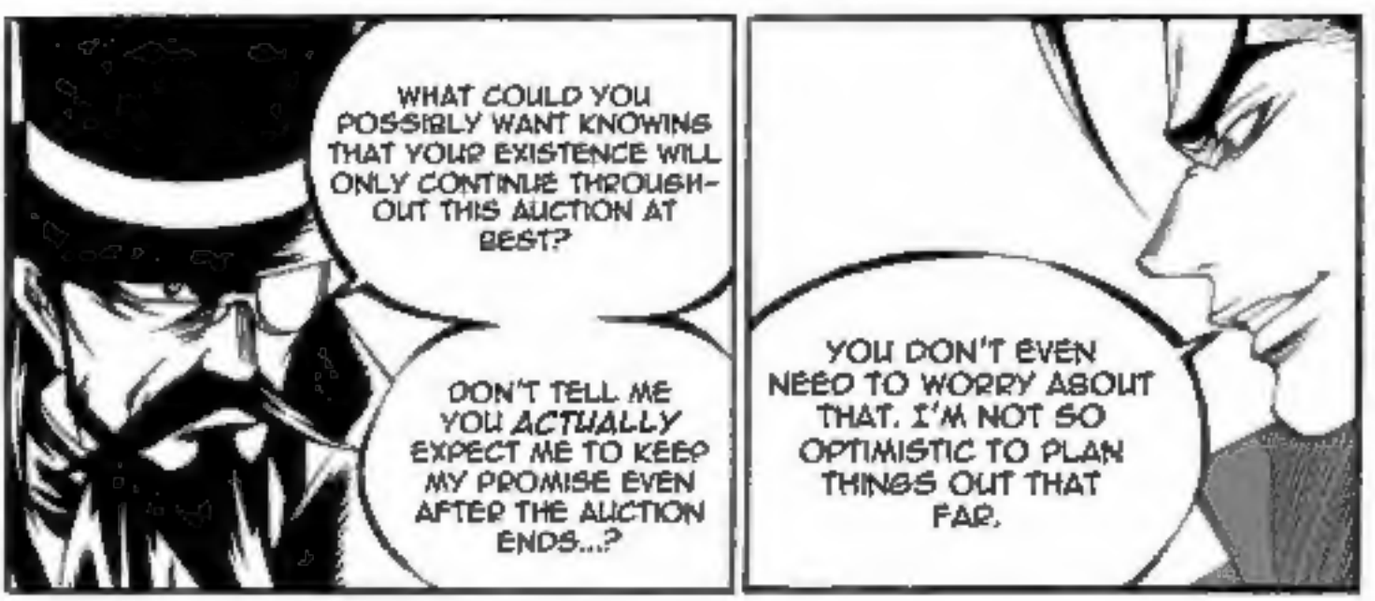
YOU *KNOW* THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER I WANT.
I KNOW YOU CAN'T COMPLETLY PREDICT MY PATTERNS AND THOUSHT OUT A COUPLE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS.
I JUST WNAT TO KNOW WHICH SCENARIO YOU CONSIDER BEST!

DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE WILLING TO MOVE... ACCORDING TO MY PLANS?
NO, I'M OFFERING YOU A 'PROPOSITION'!

PROPOSITION?
RIGHT. IF YOU MOVE ACCORDING TO MY WISHES, I'LL MOVE ACCORDING TO YOURS.


WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY WANT KNOWING THAT YOUR EXISTENCE WILL ONLY CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THIS AUCTION AT BEST?
DON'T TELL ME YOU *ACTUALLY* EXPECT ME TO KEEP MY PROMISE EVEN AFTER THE AUCTION ENDS...?
YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. I'M NOT SO OPTIMISTIC TO PLAN THINGS OUT THAT FAR.

ALRIGHT.
ESPECIALLY SINCE IT SEEMS I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO HEAR YOU OUT...
YOU'RE PART WILL BE A LITTLE TROUBLESOME, YOU SEE.
HUHU- MY PROPOSITION MAY NOT BE AS SIMPLE AS YOU THINK.
WELL, IT DOESN'T SEEM IMPOSSIBLE, SO I'M WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY.

EVEN IF TEAMMATES FIGHT EACH OTHER, RATHER THAN EARNING POINTS, IT SEEMS THEY IMMEDIATELY RECIEVE A GAME OVER.
IT SEEMS IT'S TO PREVENT PLAYERS FROM KILLING THEIR PARTNER AND STARTING WITH THE PURPLE ORB.
I PREFER MOVING ON MY OWN. I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT I LOSE POINTS WHEN MY PARTNER DIES.
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARTNER?
IF YOU CAN TAKE HIM DOWN, THAT IS.
YOU CHOSE MY PARTNER, SO I'M PRETTY SURE YOU KNOW WHO IT IS.
IF YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM, I'LL OBEY YOUR COMMANDS AS YOU WISH!
IF YOU CAN'T, THEN THE DEAL'S OFF.
THIS BASTARD...

YES OR NO, YOU JUST NEED TO SAY ONE OF THOSE WORDS. THERE'S NO NEED TO THINK!
I WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED EVEN IF YOU CHOOSE TO SAY NO.
IF I SAY NO, HE'LL KILL ME AND BE CONTENT WITH HIS PERSONAL REVENGE.
EVEN IF I GIVE MY ALL, I HAVE NO CHANCE IN THIS CONDITION AND WILL GET SLAUGHTERED.
BUT I HOLD NO CHANCE AGAINST HIS PARTNER, EITHER...
LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHOOSE THE ONE WITH THE BETTER CHANCE.

ARE YOU DEBATING YOUR CHOICES? IF YOU'RE STILL UNDECIDED, I CAN GIVE YOU A HAND.
ALRIGHT. I'M NOT WILLING, BUT I'LL TRY. LEAD ME TO HIM.
THANKS. I GUESS YOU THINK YOU HOLD A BETTER CHANCE AGAINST HIM THAN ME, HUH?
IT'S NOT A BAD FEELING.
THE ROOM'S NOT FAR FROM HERE, SO I CAN LEAD YOU. IT'S DOWN THIS CORRIDOR.
HE'S FULL OF CONFIDENCE. WAS IT A MISTAKE TO ENTER BAN?

IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS, BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND MY CONDITION.
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HOLD ON, SINCE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, DOES THAT MEAN YOUR STARTING POINT IS NEAR HERE?
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THAT MEANS YOUR PARTNER IS IN THAT ROOM. I WANT TO KNOW WHO IT IS.
IF YOU'RE SO CURIOUS, WHY DON'T YOU CHECK FOR YOURSELF?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE TRYING TO RELY ON YOUR PARTNER OR TRYING TO BUY SOME TIME, BUT THIS IS PATHETIC.
IF YOU LOSE, I'LL DROP BY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF HIM, SO THERE'S NO RUSH
I PRAY THAT YOU DO.

I DON'T THINK I TOLD YOU MY SIDE OF THE DEAL.
I'LL HEAR YOU OUT AFTER YOU BEAT HIM.
IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME, TELL IT TO MY PARTNER I'LL HEAR IT FROM HIM AFTER THE FIGHT
THERE'S NO HARM IN TELLING YOU NOW.
YOU'RE SPEAKING AS IF I'M DESTINED TO LOSE.
IF YOU WIN, I'LL HEAR IT FROM YOU. IF YOU LOSE, I'LL HEAR IT FROM HIM. EITHE WAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER

HE DOESN'T LET HIS GUARD DOWN AROUND ME AT ALL.
IS THAT THE ROOM HE'S IN?
I WISH YOU LUCK. THERE'S FUN IN BETTTING ON THE UNDERDOG.
I'LL TRY TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS.
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HE'S NOT JUST PATHETIC, BUT HE'S ALSO PITIFUL TO LOOK AT WATCHING HIS PRIDE GET CRUSHED AT SUCH PETTY REVENGE.
LAUGH ALL YOU WANT YOU MEAGER BEING WHO CAN ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH ACTIONS SUCH AS THIS

ARE YOU ANOTHER CHALLENGER?
I WON'T AVOID A FIGHT, BUT I'M GETTING RATHER TIRED OF THEM.

YOU'RE STILL THE SAME AS EVER.
HAVE WE MET BEFORE? I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU
TO YOU, WHO RECOGNIZES PEOPLE BY DATA, I MIGHT SEEM LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

THINK OF ME AS THE PERSON CLOSEST TO THE DATA OF BODIES YOU REMEMBER

BUT, I DOUBT YOU CAN DUEL ME IN YOUR CURRENT STATE.

YOU HAVE A 97% MATCH WITH ILBAN, THE DARK PRIEST.

WELL, I CAN STILL TECHNICALLY FIGHT..

EVEN IN MY BEST CONDITION, MY CHANCES OF WINNING ARE BELOW HALF. IN THIS STATE, THE RESULTS ARE OBVIOUS.
THEN LEAVE.
IF YOU DO NOT ATTACK FIRST, I WILL NOT ATTACK.
I WISH I COULD, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE RIGHT NOW.
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YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT, BUT YOU HAVE TO...
I SEE. COULD THIS BE BECAUSE OF BAN?

I'M SURPRISED YOU KNOW OF HIM. YOUR MEMORIES SHOULD HAVE CEASED AFTER THE DRAGONLANDS...
HE SAID THAT AS WELL. I WASN'T SURE WHAT HE MEANT, BUT I GET THE GENERAL GIST
I CONCLUDED THAT I WOULDN'T GET ANY INFORMATION OF MY EXISTENCE FROM YOU PEOPLE, AND I ALREADY HAVE GIVEN UP
IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING CONTROLLED BY YOU PEOPLE INSTEAD.
YOU PEOPLE?
I HAVE DECIDED TO FIND THE REASON FOR MY EXISTENCE BY MYSELF

I RECALL THE PERSON THAT INFLUENCED MY EXISTENCE THE MOST . I WILL FIND HIM AND SETTLE EVERYTHING.
OH. ? HE HAS HIS OWN WILL AND GOAL ? LOOKS LIKE HE'S EVOLVING AS WELL.
HE'S SIMILAR TO BAN IN THAT HE'S TRYING TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN EXISTENCE AS A SEPERATE ENTITY
I CAN USE THIS..
IF SO, THEN YOU MUST BE FEELING RATHER FRUSTRATED GUARDING THIS PLACE.
YOU ALSO FEEL DRAGGED DOWN BY YOUR PARTNER, AM I WRONG?
IF HE WERE TO FALL, THAT WOULD BE FORTUNATE BUT THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN.

I HAVE A PLAN, WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT?
IT'S A SUGGESTION IN THE END, SO FEEL FREE TO REJECT IT.
...
I DON'T MIND LISTENING, BUT IF I SENSE THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DECIEVE ME, YOU WILL PAY.
DON'T BE SO ALERT. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE FROM IT NEOSIA.
CONTINUE.
JUST YOU WAIT, BAN. I'LL CRUSH THAT ARROGANT CONFIDENCE OF YOURS.

WHEW... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M EXPECTING BY WAITING HERE.
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD'VE TAKEN NEOSIA DOWN IN THAT STATE MAYBE DEEP DOWN, I HELD SOME HOPE FOR HIM IN THIS PRANK?
EVEN IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, THE ORB WILL REACT, SO I DON'T REALLY NEED TO WAIT FOR HIM HERE.

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NO WAY...! HE WAS ABLE TO WIN WITH THAT INJURY?!!!
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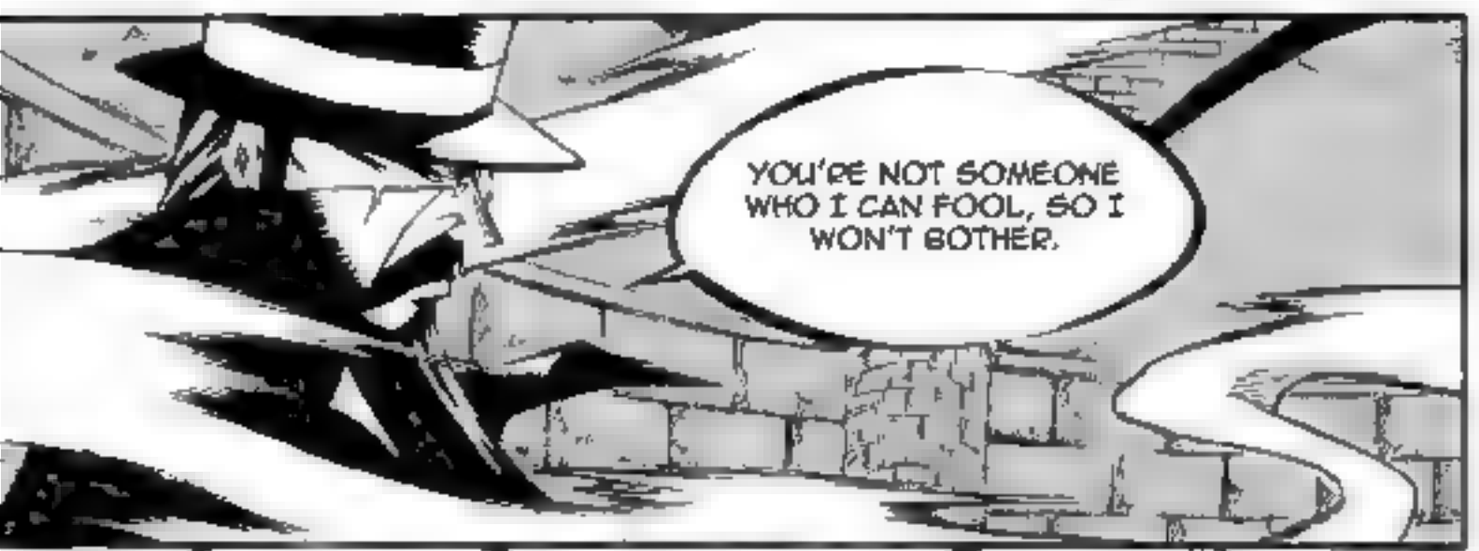
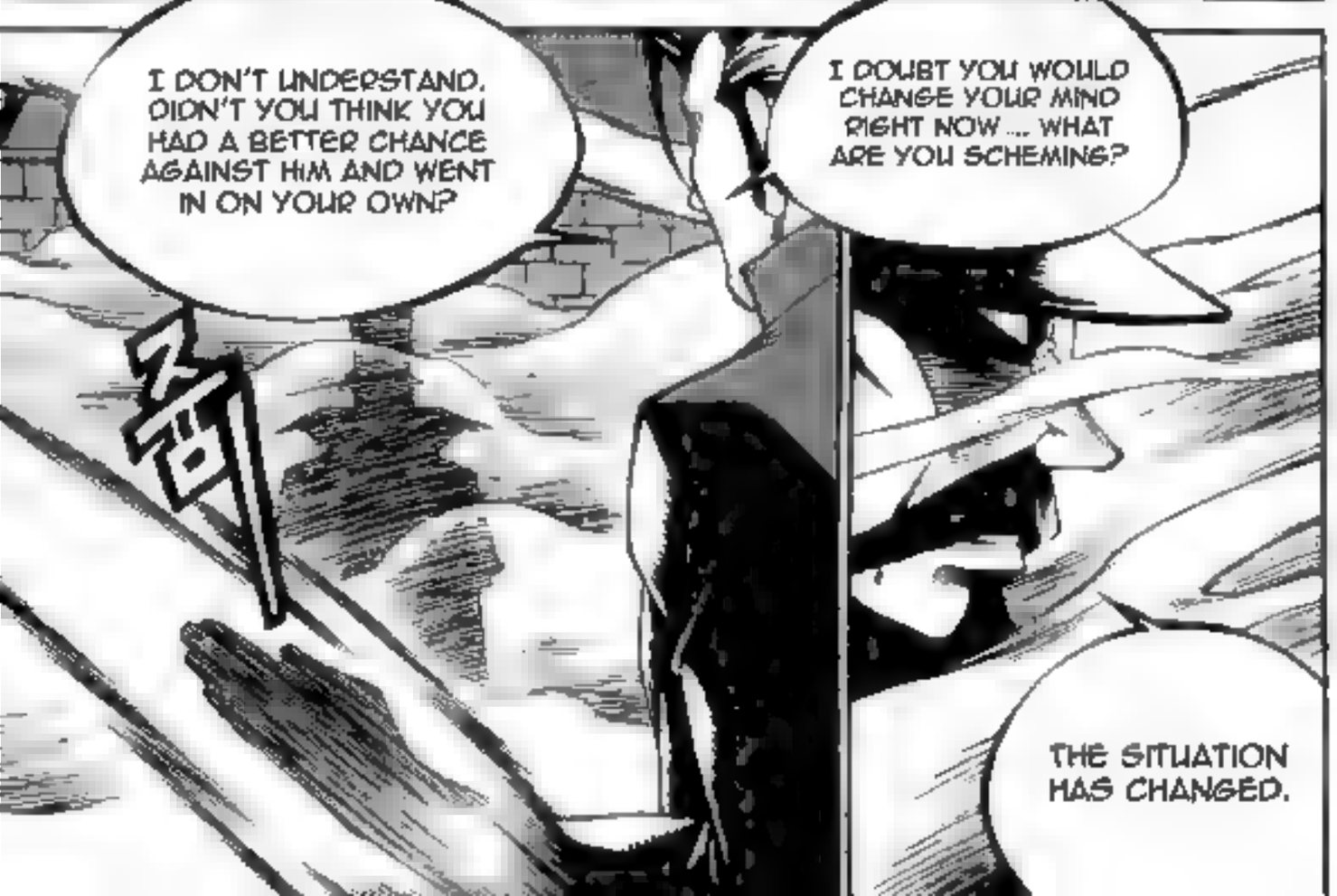
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW YOU DEFEATED NEOGIA WITH THAT INJURY...
DID YOU TALK YOUR WAY OUT?


YOU'RE NOT SOMEONE WHO I CAN FOOL, SO I WON'T BOTHER.


I DON'T UNDERSTAND. DIDN'T YOU THINK YOU HAD A BETTER CHANCE AGAINST HIM AND WENT IN ON YOUR OWN?
I DOUBT YOU WOULD CHANGE YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW ... WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING?
NO!
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.

DO YOU REALLY THINK PERSONA'S SKILLS WILL WORK AGAINST ME, WHO WAS BASED OFF OF YOU?!!!
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT I KNOW ALL YOUR WEAKNESSES AND HABITS!
. . . !
THEN USE THAT KNOWLEDGE AND TRY TO TAKE ME DOWN.
IF I CAN CATCH YOUR SIGNAL, I CAN TRACK YOUR LOCATION EASILY!!!
THE FOG DOESN'T DETRACT ME AT ALL!!!
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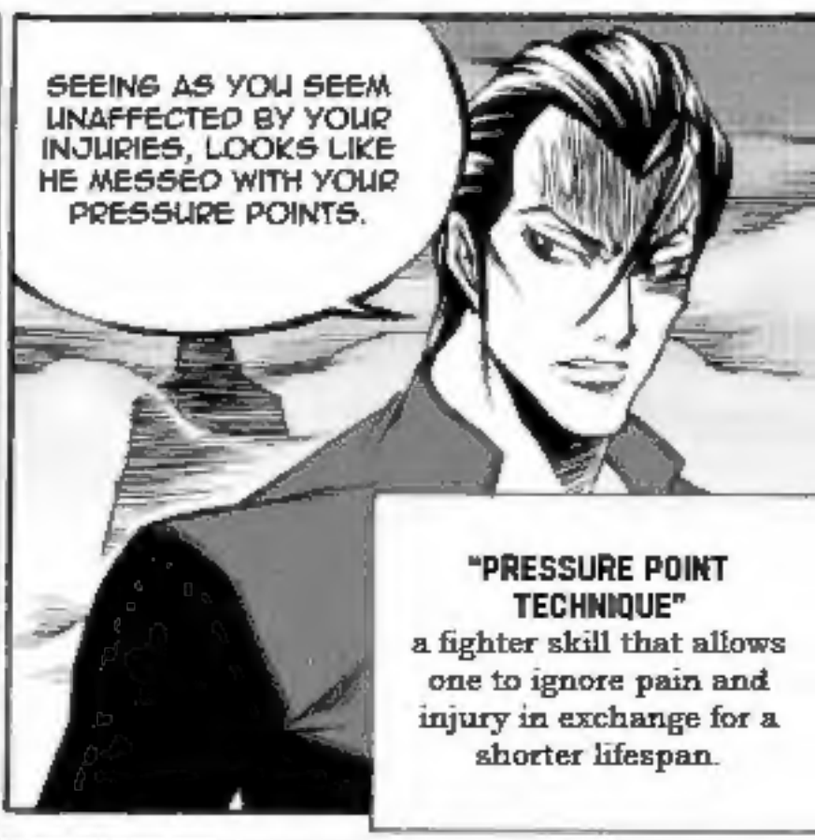
NEOGIA?!
I CAN'T AVOID THIS ATTACK!




**"PRESSURE POINT TECHNIQUE"**
a fighter skill that allows one to ignore pain and injury in exchange for a shorter lifespan.

I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED EVERY SKILL FROM THE CHARACTERS I RECOGNIZE TO BE THE BEST. I HAVE OBTAINED THE *STRONGEST* FIGHTING POWER.
I SHOULD THANK HIM INSTEAD. HE BROUGHT OUT ALL THE COCKINESS WITHIN YOU.
THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL AND COPY BEGINS NOW!!!
TO BE CONTINUED

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# DAY 3 OF DAILY RELEASES!!!

ALTHOUGH I WANTED TO GET THIS CHAPTER OUT FASTER, DUE TO LIFE AND THE SHEER AMOUNT OF TEXT AND DIFFICULT WORDS IN THIS CHAPTER, IT WAS PUSHED BACK. DAMN, BAN AND ILBAN JUST LOVE TO HEAR THEIR OWN VOICE.